(b) IREDA provides loans upto 80 per cent of the project cost.with a repayment period of upto 10 years, after commissioning of the project. The interest rate charged by IREDA varies between 5 and 12 per cent, depending upon the nature of the project. The lending norms of other financial institutions/banks are governed by the prevailing market conditions and are more or less similar to those of IREDA.

T and D losses in Andhra Pradesh

2370. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of electricity lost in transmission and distribution during the last one and half year in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the estimated loss in terms of rupees due to this transmission loss?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, the quantum of energy lost in transmission and distribution in terms of Million Unit (MU), percentage (%) and Rupees during last one and half year and Andhra Pradesh is as shown below:—

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	2004-05	2005-06 (April to September)
1.	Energy lost	MU	10953.45	4973.48
2.	Transmission and distribution loss	%	21.42	19.80
3.	Total Estimated loss	Rs. In Crores	1897.14	843.20

Creation of a chain of power stations

2371. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on a comprehensive scheme to create a chain of power stations along the Indian coast;

(b) if so, whether the locations have been identified by Government;

(c) if so, the details of locations identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what is the anticipated power that is going to be generated through the proposed coastal power stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Development of coastal power projects has been identified as a thrust area as these sites can have easy accessibility to imported coal and availability of abundant sea water for cooling purposes in the power projects. In the regional meetings held with the States, all the coastal States including, Andhra Pradesh have been asked to draw up an action plan for development of coastal power projects.

Supply of gas to Dabhol Power Plant

2372. SHRI TARKQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state**:**

(a) whether the issues related to the supply of gas to the Dabhol Power Plant have been sorted out;

(b) if so, what are the gas requirements of the plant, and how the supply is to be assured; and

(c) if so, what arrangements have been arrived at in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The power plant requires about 2.12 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) (0.7MMTPA for each of the 3 power blocks) gas from July, 2006. M/s GAIL (India) Ltd. (GAIL) are holding 28% equity in Ratnagiri Gas & Power Private Ltd., (RGPPL), *i.e.* the project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) incorporated to acquire, revive, complete and restart the Dabhol plant. GAIL have also been entrusted with the responsibility of securing supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for the power plant RGPPL. GAIL is in negotiation with prospective LNG suppliers for tying up the required supplies.